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TAGS: OVIP, PA

SUBJECT: RADICAL LIBERAL LEADER TO VISIT WASHINGTON

1. DOMINGO LAINO, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, RAFAELA GUANES DE LAINO, WILL VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 23-28 IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA (WOLA). LAINO IS A LEADER OF THE MAJORITY FACTION OF THE RADICAL LIBERALS AND WAS FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF THE RADICAL LIBERAL PARTY.

2. HE HAS CONNECTIONS WITH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. HE IS ONE OF THE FEW MORE MODERATE, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND INTERNATIONALLY-ORIENTED PARAGUAYAN POLITICAL LEADERS. HE HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN AND FEARLESS IN HIS CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THIS, ALONG WITH HIS MODERATE APPEARANCE (BY PARAGUAYAN STANDARDS), HAS OFTEN MADE HIM THE SPECIAL TARGET OF ATTACKS BY GOVERNMENT PARTY LEADERS.

3. APPROPRIATE US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD MEET WITH LAINO. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT WITH BOTH LAINO AND DEPARTMENT

GRANTEE CARMEN LARA CASTRO WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE PARAGUAYAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. WE SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD AVOID REPETITION IF THESE TWO LEADERS COULD SEE SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TOGETHER. IF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER  
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COULD SEE THEM, THEY AND WE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED. IF NOT, WE SUGGEST AT A MINIMUM THAT NSC ROBERT PASTOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY PATRICK DERIAN, OR MARK SCHNEIDER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCNEIL AND GEORGE LISTER.  
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